

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 113 (Committee on Local Government).

Section 78.5 of this bill would modify the Alquist-Priolo Earthquake Fault Zoning Act (Act), to exempt specified State owned structures listed on the California Register of Historical Places or the National Register of Historical Places from having to meet zoning laws or regulations associated with potential alterations of structures built for human occupancy across the trace of potentially hazardous faults.

The proponents of this section of the bill have committed to send a letter, to be published in the Senate Daily Journal, from the Chancellor of the University of California, Berkeley to both Senator Loni Hancock and Assembly Member Nancy Skinner stating that UC Berkeley will seismically retrofit the California Memorial Stadium as required by current law and applicable regulations. The letter would further commit the proponents of this section of the bill to introduce a bill in January, with urgency, that will satisfy the concerns of the Governor's Office of Planning and Research, the Department of Conservation, and the Seismic Safety Commission.

To that end, I am directing my staff to work with the Legislature to make any changes to SB 113 necessary to ensure the measure best addresses my Administration's commitment to the safety and well being of the citizens of California.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger